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## **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET**

### **Mayor's Effort Lands Record Amount of New Security Funds** *City's Receives \$16.2 Million of Limited Homeland Security Grants*

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders has announced that San Diego will receive \$16.2 million in new grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The grant, awarded through the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), will be used to improve communication between emergency responders, bolster terrorism threat assessment efforts and better prepare residents for emergencies.

Since taking office, Mayor Sanders has worked to secure San Diego's place on the UASI primary funding list. By working closely with the region's congressional delegation, Mayor Sanders was successful in having the federal government change the methodology for how grants are awarded. This year's award continues the regional success coming from the Mayor's efforts.

The new \$16.2 million grant was awarded following a very competitive grant making process involving 61 other urban areas around the country (10 more than last year). The total grant award is 110% of the available funding earlier projected for the San Diego region. The region's continuing progress and success with the development and implementation of homeland security projects helped attract the additional grant funding this year.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>UASI Allocation</b>
FY 03	\$11,359,682
FY 04	\$10,418,116
FY 05	\$14,045,267
FY 06	\$7,990,000
FY 07	\$15,990,000
FY 08	\$15,510,500
FY 09	\$16,208,500
<b>Total UASI Allocations</b>	<b>\$91,522,065</b>

The FY09 San Diego Urban Area Security Initiative Grant application consisted of seven investment recommendations. These investments represent ongoing efforts to enhance regional capabilities to effectively respond to an act of terrorism or other catastrophic event. All investments support the San Diego Urban Area Security Strategy which focuses on regional goals to improve or enhance capabilities supporting national priorities.

The grant funding announced by Mayor Sanders today will allow the San Diego region to continue improving its equipment, planning and training efforts in advance of emergency needs. The working group formed to prepare and administer the grant funding has identified seven areas for investment. These include:

1. Support for the Regional Interoperable Radio Communications Project
2. Improving regional access to technology and geospatial data useful in emergencies
3. Continuing improvements to the 3Cs Data Network
4. Enhancing capabilities of the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (RTTAC)
5. Strengthening detection and response capabilities for weapons of mass destruction
6. Protecting critical infrastructure and key resources
7. Strengthening emergency planning and citizen preparedness efforts

The amount invested in these areas will be determined in coordination with the County and the 17 other municipal agencies in the region.

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